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Serial No.:	09/937,636		
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Faxed herewith is the response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2004 along with
the Fee Transmittal Sheet requesting a one-month extension.

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**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Eric Wen Su, et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1646
Serial No.:	09/937,636)	
Filed:	January 22, 2002)	
For:	HOB-BP2H COMPOSITIONS, METHODS AND USES THEREOF)	
Docket No.:	X-12652)	Examiner O Hara, E.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2004, Applicants file the following communication.

Remarks

Claims 22-39 are pending. Applicants thank the Examiner for renumbering previously submitted, inadvertently misnumbered claims to yield presently pending claims 22-39.

The Examiner issued a restriction requirement between:
Group I, claims 22-39, in so far as they are drawn to polypeptides of SEQ ID NO:3 or 4, nucleic acids encoding such polypeptides, and a method of treating obesity with polypeptide;

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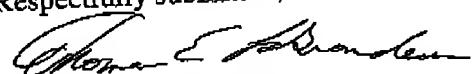
Group II, Claim 24, in so far as it drawn to a method of treating obesity comprising administering an antagonist to the polypeptide of group I, and

Group III, Claim 27, in so far as it drawn to a method of treating obesity comprising administering a nucleic acid of group I. Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group I.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that the subject matter of the required search is sufficiently small and closely related as to be capable of examination together.

If the Examiner feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned agent at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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